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1. ROBERT COHEN, CHEF DE CABINET OF VICE PRESIDENT
VREDELING, NOVEMBER 25 RAISED WITH USEC LABOR ATTACHE
QUESTION OF WHEN A MEETING MIGHT BE ARRANGED BETWEEN
SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL AND VREDELING DURING THE
HIGH-LEVEL OECD CONFERENCE IN PARIS DECEMBER 15 AND 16.
WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE A
BILATERAL MEETING SINCE SECRETARY MARSHALL WILL BE
OCCUPIED WITH CHAIRING THE CONFERENCE, COHEN, A STRONG
ADVOCATE OF USG/EC COOPERATION, SAID NONETHELESS THAT
HE WAS CONVINCED WE SHOULD TRY: "SINCE THEY'RE BOTH
IN PARIS, IT'S SO STUPID NOT TO ORGANIZE SOMETHING."
THE RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN VREDELING AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF LABOR GREEN (REFTELS) HAD ILLUSTRATED THAT
IT IS "VERY WORTHWHILE TO KEEP CONTACT," COHEN SAID,
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AND SO IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY IN
PARIS FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TOP OFFICIALS.

2. AT THIS POINT IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER VREDELING WILL
ATTEND BOTH DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE EXTENT OF HIS
ATTENDANCE DEPENDS IN PART ON WHEN THE VARIOUS LABOR
MINISTERS WILL SPEAK, COHEN SAID, AND INDICATED THAT

VREDELING'S PLANS WILL ALSO DEPEND ON WHETHER THERE IS ROOM ON SECRETARY MARSHALL'S SCHEDULE FOR A BILATERAL. COHEN SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE WORD ON THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. COMMENT: WE RENEW THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL A FOR A MARSHALL-VREDELING MEETING IN PARIS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE BY DECEMBER 1 IF POSSIBLE.
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